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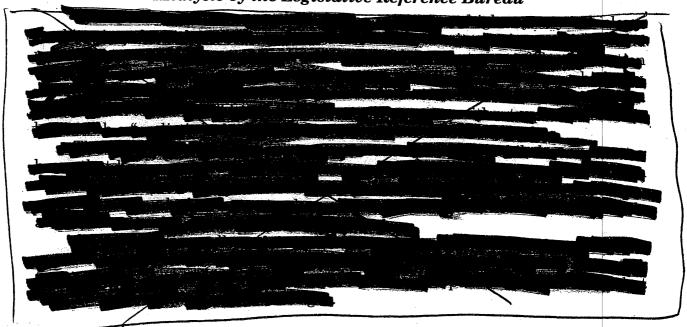
2003 BILL



AN ACT to amend 348.05 (2) (i), 348.07 (2) (c) and 348.27 (7m) of the statutes;

relating to: the maximum permissible length and width of mobile homes and
motor homes operated without a permit, and the maximum permissible length
of 3-vehicle combinations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau



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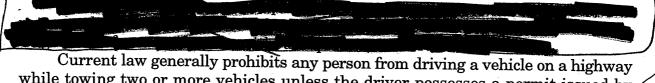
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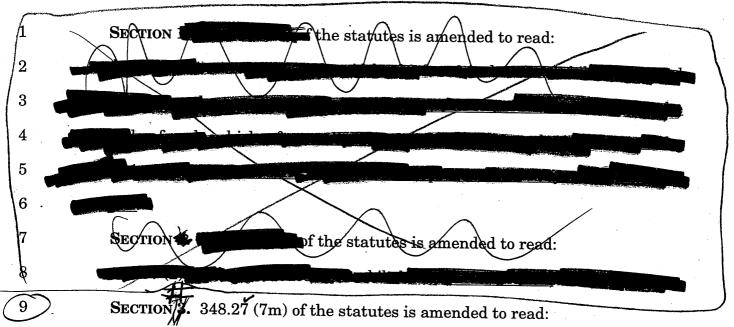
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Under current law, the overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 60 feet.

This bill increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:



348.27 (7m) Three-vehicle combinations. The department may issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally

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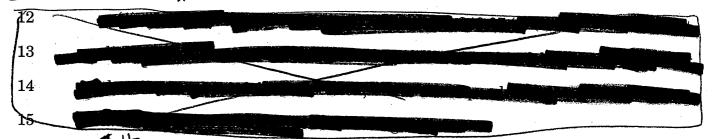
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SECTION 4. Initial applicability.



The treatment of section 348.27 (7m) of the statutes first applies to 3-vehicle combinations operated on the effective date of this subsection.

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Barman, Mike

From:

Gary, Aaron

Sent:

Wednesday, January 22, 2003 11:59 AM

To: Subject:

Barman, Mike jacketing request

Mike,

Could you please jacket 2003 LRB-0975 for Sen. Zien (per phone call I received from Pete Hanson)? Thanks. Aaron

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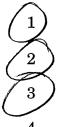
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2003 BILL







AN ACT to amend 348.27 (7m) of the statutes; relating to: the maximum permissible length and width of mobile homes and motor homes operated without appropriate the maximum permissible length of 3-vehicle combinations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any person from driving a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless the driver possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT may issue annual or consecutive month permits for certain three—vehicle combinations that consist of the following vehicles:

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SECTION 1. 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:

annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a mobile home or camping trailer and a boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer, or all-terrain vehicle trailer, if the overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 65 feet and the towed vehicles are for the use of the operator of the towing vehicle. A permit under this subsection may be issued only by the department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this subsection shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 348.27 (7m) of the statutes first applies to 3-vehicle combinations operated on the effective date of this subsection.





DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB-0975/2dn ARG:

ATTN: Peter Hanson

As we discussed, the attached draft corrects an error in the relating clause of the "/1" draft.

Aaron R. Gary Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 261–6926

E-mail: aaron.gary@legis.state.wi.us

DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB-0975/2dn ARG:kjf:rs

February 13, 2003

ATTN: Peter Hanson

As we discussed, the attached draft corrects an error in the relating clause of the "/1" draft.

Aaron R. Gary Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 261–6926

E-mail: aaron.gary@legis.state.wi.us

2003 SENATE BILL

AN ACT to amend 348.27 (7m) of the statutes; relating to: the maximum

permissible length of 3-vehicle combinations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any person from driving a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless the driver possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT may issue annual or consecutive month permits for certain three—vehicle combinations that consist of the following vehicles:

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This bill increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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348.27 (7m) Three-vehicle combinations. The department may issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a mobile home or camping trailer and a boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer, or all-terrain vehicle trailer, if the overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 65 feet and the towed vehicles are for the use of the operator of the towing vehicle. A permit under this subsection may be issued only by the department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 348.27 (7m) of the statutes first applies to 3-vehicle combinations operated on the effective date of this subsection.

From:

Hanson, Peter

Sent:

Thursday, May 01, 2003 5:50 PM

To: Subject:

Gary, Aaron changes to 0975/2





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Hey Aaron,

Sorry to hit you with more changes to this draft... but,

After meetings with DOT and with other interested legislators, we have come up with some changes needed to the 3-vehicle combination bill. You'll find DOT's proposed draft below. Please open a copy of that for the sake of discussion before you proceed. We agree with much of what DOT suggests, but we want to eliminate the permiting process altogether. Other states do not require permits, they just have statutory regulations, and we'd like to match what they're doing to cut costs and red tape for visitors and citizens in Wisconsin. Changes we're requesting are as follows:

- 1) We're okay with their changes on types of vehicles that can be hauled on the 3rd vehicle. Please make the change to allow "a horse trailer or a trailer for a vehicle for personal recreational use.", as in DOT's draft.
- 2) We agreed to their seasonal limitation, but would like the dates to be "April 1 through November 15."
- 3) We agreed to require brakes on the 2nd vehicle in the combo, thusly: "and the second vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold it."
- 4) This is the big one, and probably the one you should do first: Eliminate the language that refers to permits; the DOT issuing permits; permittees; and fees altogether, and change the assumption of the statute to be one of allowing 3-vehicles combinations in Wisconsin as long as the meet the safety criteria specifically outlined therein.

Please feel free to call me. I'm sure you will have questions that I haven't addressed adequately in this memo. Thanks for your patience. I didn't know this issue would generate so much interest!

Sincerely,

Peter J. Hanson Policy Director Office of Senator Dave Zien Assistant Majority Leader

----Original Message----

From: Frazier, Carson

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2003 12:30 PM

To: Hanson, Peter; Colvin, Alan; Jackson, Tom

Cc: Romanski, Randy; Klein, Rose; Cantwell, Thomas; Nichols, Kathleen;

VanDeventer, Victoria; Sharma, Ashwani; Hansen, Patricia; Seaquist, Linda; Brumund, Loralee; Larson, Beverly - DMV; Thompson, Doug

Subject: FW: wording for 3-vehicle permits

Hello. We agreed a couple of weeks ago that DOT would send you our recommended language for amending the 3-vehicle permit language, S.348.27(7m); and also the results of our phone survey of current permit holders.

Attached is a draft of the 3-vehicle permit provision with our suggested amendments.

- * 1. Re-write the provision on the third vehicle, so that other recreation-type vehicles may be transported. We also suggest adding "horse trailer", because a person may wish to transport a horse for recreation, similar to transporting an ATV, personal watercraft, or boat, but a horse is not a "vehicle" as defined in S.340.01(74).
- * 2. Add a provision for operation from April 1 through October 31. This will ensure that the 3-vehicle permit will not be used during the poor weather winter months.
- * 3. Allow 65' length if the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes.

Also attached is the result of our mini-survey of current 3-vehicle permit holders.

We would be most interested in continuing to work with you on amending the permit provision. Thanks very much for your help.

DOT RECOMEMMENDED LANGUAGE FOR THE 3-VEHICLE PERMIT

348.27 (7m) THREE-VEHICLE COMBINATIONS. The department may issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a mobile home or camping trailer and a boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer, or all terrain vehicle trailer a horse trailer or a trailer for a vehicle for personal recreational use, if the overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 65 feet and the second vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold it and the towed vehicles are for the use of the operator of the towing vehicle. A permit under this subsection may only be used for operation from April 1 through October 31. A permit under this subsection may be issued only by the department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this subsection shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation.

RESULTS - Mini-survey of 3-V (Recreational 3-Vehicle Permit) Customers

Interviewer Name: Cindy Sittler, MVR-4, OSOW Permits conducted all surveys Interview Date: Week of 3/24/03

How the interviewer introduced herself:

Hello, my name is _____ and I work in the Oversize Permit Unit of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. We are doing a five minute survey of people who have gotten a special permit for hauling a camper and recreational trailer together. We usually call it the 3Vehicle Recreational permit. May I speak with (named permitee), Some people asked why we were calling about this permit, to which Ms Sittler replied "that there is consideration of legislation to change this permit and that some issues under consideration were: increasing combination length to 65' and requiring brakes on the second vehicle."

Results are reported in Bold face in each question.

- 1. Did you use your 3V permit? __35_Yes __0_No (A total of 35 surveys were completed.)
- 2. How old is the camper or 5^{th} wheel trailer you use when traveling with this permit?
 - $\mathbf{\underline{2}}$ Less than a year old
 - **__3**_ 1 to 2 years old
 - **__5**__ 3 to 5 years old
 - **_14__** 6 to 10 years old
 - _11_ More than 10 years old

This was a somewhat surprising result, we did not expect as many campers to be more than 10 years old.

3. Does your camper or 5th wheel trailer have brakes? _32__Yes _3_No
This is good news because 9 of the respondents who said that their camper
was "more than 10 years old" and 13 of those who responded "6 to 10 years
old" said that their campers already had brakes. All who responded that
their campers were five years old or newer said they had brakes. This is
consistent with the information provided by Senator Zien's aide Pete.

It should be noted that one of the respondents whose camper was more than 10 years old and did not have brakes, said that he would be buying a different camper this year, but it would not be a "new one and probably it won't have brakes either."

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- 4. Are you planning to buy a new camper or 5^{th} wheel camper in 2003? _0_Yes _30_No
- 3 people said they had just purchased a new camper and 2 said that they were "looking", and, as noted above 1 respondent said he would likely purchase a different camper but not a "new" one.
- 5. What do you transport on the second trailer, the third vehicle in the combination? (Check all that apply.)
- **_34**_Boat

Most people reported boat-only; one person reported jetski-only and one other reported ATV-only.

- _1_Motorcycle
- _1_Personal watercraft (jet-ski)
- **2** ATV
- $_{\mathbf{0}}$ Other

Considering the general candor of the respondents, we were surprised that no one said they were carrying anything that isn't permitted by current law.

Spontaneous Utterances by Customers:

- 65' Goody, goody!
- The brakes are electric.
- The brakes are electronic.
- I hope you go to 65', because I'm 62' already, even with the boat motor tipped up.
- I might not renew my permit because I bought a new truck and I think I will be too long, if the law isn't changed.
- 65' would be great.
- More than 60' isn't real safe and I'm on a fixed income and can't afford to spend \$350 to \$500 to add brakes.

From:

Gary, Aaron

Sent:

Friday, May 02, 2003 11:40 AM

To:

Hanson, Peter

Subject:

FW: changes to 0975/2

Clarification: As to item 1., the stat does require the vehicles to be for the use of the driver of the towing vehicle. However, I still think it is better not to delete the existing text, but to just add new text, since my understanding of the intent is to expand, not narrow, what can be pulled.

Aaron R. Gary Legislative Attorney Legislative Reference Bureau 608.261.6926 (voice) 608.264.6948 (fax) aaron.gary@legis.state.wi.us

----Original Message----

From: Gary, Aaron

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2003 11:15 AM

To: Hanson, Peter

Subject: RE: changes to 0975/2

Pete,

I've actually looked at most of these "issues" before and should be able to put this together pretty quickly. But I do have a couple of questions:

- 1. I don't like DOT's suggestion re deleting provisions re boat, motorcycle, and ATV trailers in existing law and substituting trailer for vehicle for personal recreational use. I think it could be argued that a motorcycle hauled by a professional motorcycle racer to a race or hauled for use of a friend is a "qualifying" vehicle under current statute but would not be a qualifying vehicle under DOT's "personal recreational use" language. I would propose keeping existing language and then adding additional language along the lines of what DOT suggests (any other vehicle for personal recreational use). Is this OK?
- 2. DOT's seasonal limitation is a permit limitation. I am drafting the bill to get rid of the permit requirement. So I assume you want the modified seasonal limitation to be as follows: A person can operate a qualifying 3-vehicle combo. (without having to get a permit) from April 1 to Nov. 15, but cannot operate such a vehicle during the other "months" of the year. Is this correct?

Thanks. Aaron

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Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 5:50 PM

To: Gary, Aaron

Subject: changes to 0975/2

Hey Aaron,

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not sure grandfather?

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From: Hanson, Peter

Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 5:50 PM

To: Gary, Aaron

Subject: changes to 0975/2

Hey Aaron,

Sorry to hit you with more changes to this draft... but,

After meetings with DOT and with other interested legislators, we have come up with some changes needed to the 3-vehicle combination bill. You'll find DOT's proposed draft below. Please open a copy of that for the sake of discussion before you proceed. We agree with much of what DOT suggests, but we want to eliminate the permiting process altogether. Other states do not require permits, they just have statutory regulations, and we'd like to match what they're doing to cut costs and red tape for visitors and citizens in Wisconsin. Changes we're requesting are as follows:

- 1) We're okay with their changes on types of vehicles that can be hauled on the 3rd vehicle. Please make the change to allow "a horse trailer or a trailer for a vehicle for personal recreational use.", as in DOT's draft.
- 2) We agreed to their seasonal limitation, but would like the dates to be "April 1 through November 15."
- 3) We agreed to require brakes on the 2nd vehicle in the combo, thusly: "and the second vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold it."
- 4) This is the big one, and probably the one you should do first: Eliminate the language that refers to permits; the DOT issuing permits; permittees; and fees altogether, and change the assumption of the statute to be one of allowing 3-vehicles combinations in Wisconsin as long as the meet the safety criteria specifically outlined therein.

Please feel free to call me. I'm sure you will have questions that I haven't addressed adequately in this memo. Thanks for your patience. I didn't know this issue would generate so much interest!

From:

Hanson, Peter

Sent:

Monday, May 05, 2003 11:17 AM

To:

Gary, Aaron

Subject:

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Let's allow them to operate with a 3rd vehicle only under 60 ft. total length. The DOT may think that this is more complex to administer with the 2 different lengths, but they will agree that it is safer to limit the rigs without separate brakes to 60 ft.

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From: Gary, Aaron

Sent: Monday, May 05, 2003 9:40 AM

To: Hanson, Peter

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One last follow up: does the trailer of model year 1995 or earlier w/o brakes have to be 60 feet or less, or can it be up to 65 feet? Thanks.

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To: Gary, Aaron

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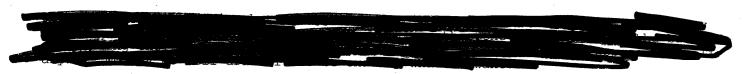
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Maybe if we grandfathered people in by date, i.e. current permit holders could continue to pull the same camper (2nd vehicle) without brakes as long as they stay under 60 ft total length. That would disallow new operators from operating without brakes, and would protect those few constituents who can't afford to add brakes. Your opinion, Aaron?

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AN ACT to amend 348.27 (7m) of the statutes; relating to:

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any person from driving a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless the driver possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT may issue annual or consecutive month permits for certain three-vehicle combinations that consist of the following vehicles:

- 1. A towing vehicle.
- 2. A mobile home or camping trailer.
- 3. A boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer, or all-terrain vehicle trailer.

Upder current law, the overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 60 feet.

This bill increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:



SENATE BILL

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annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a 3-vehicle combination
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for an annual permit under this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month
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SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) (The treatment of section 34827 (En) of the statutes first applies to 3-vehicle combinations operated on the effective date of this subsection.

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(END)

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INSERT anal A:

A The overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 60 feet and, unless not structurally possible, the lighter of the towed vehicles must occupy the last position in the three—vehicle combination. The towed vehicles must be for the use of the driver of the towing vehicle.

This bill eliminates the permit requirement for three-vehicle combinations meeting the specified criteria and increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet but, with an exception, requires the middle vehicle in the three-vehicle combination to be equipped with brakes. Under the exception, a three-vehicle combination that is not equipped with brakes on the middle vehicle may be operated if the middle vehicle is of model year 1995 or earlier and the overall length of the three-vehicle combination does not exceed 60 feet. The bill also expands the permissible towed vehicles described in item 3 to include horse trailers and other trailers for vehicles for personal recreational use. The bill allows the operation of these three-vehicle combinations only from April 1 to November 15 of each year.

INSERT 1-3:

SECTION 1. 348.27 (7m) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

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